

**FAIRBANKS METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**State of Alaska, DOT&PF, Main Conference Room
2301 Peger Road
Fairbanks, Alaska**

**Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2008**

1) Call to Order

Ethan Birkholz called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2) Introduction of Members and Attendees

The following were present:

- * FMATS Policy Committee members
- ** FMATS Staff members
- *** FMATS Technical Committee members

NAME	REPRESENTING
*** Ethan Birkholz (Chair)	DOT&PF, Planning Manager, Northern Region
*** Bernardo Hernandez	(absent) FNSB Director Community Planning
*** Bill Butler	City of North Pole
*** Bob Pristash	City of Fairbanks
*** Bruce Carr	ARRC
*** Emily Bratcher	FNSB Planning Commission
*** Glenn Miller	FNSB
*** Joan Hardesty	ADEC
*** Mike Schmetzer	City of Fairbanks
*** Art Dulaune	(absent) Lynden Transport Inc
*** Marc Wohlford	(absent) UAF
*** Michael Meeks	(absent) Fort Wainwright
** Jeff Roach	DOT&PF, Fairbanks Area Transportation Planner
** Todd Boyce	FNSB
** Alexa Greene	DOT&PF, Fairbanks Area Assistant Transportation Planner
Dave Bloom	DOT&PF
Jim Connor	FNSB
Matt Stone	PDC
Colleen Ackiss	DOT&PF, Traffic and Safety Chief
Chris Eshleman	News Miner
Jaime Schwartzwald	DOT&PF, Information Officer

3) Public Comment Period

Rodney Rutherford asked to consider a road going through from Plack Road to Repp Road. He stated that it would be a faster emergency vehicle route and alternate road access to Richardson Highway.

Emma Wilson from the Downtown Association commented on the air quality resolution and noted that she had spoken to Sierra Research, which said they didn't think that the air quality would be affected negatively.

4) Approval of the February 6, 2008 Agenda

- **MOTION:** To approve the February 6, 2008 agenda as presented. (Schmetzer/Hardesty). None opposed. Approved.

5) Approval of the January 9, 2008 Minutes

- **MOTION:** To approve the January 9, 2008 minutes as presented. (Carr/Pristash). None opposed. Approved.

6) Committee Reports

a) FMATS Policy Hiring Committee Subcommittee

Mike Schmetzer informed the Technical Committee that he was assisting in chairing the Policy Hiring Committee Subcommittee with Mayor Strle. He also stated that the committee will make an offer in about 10 days.

b) FMATS 2030 Let's Get Moving SwTPP Subcommittee

Jeff Roach said that comments are on line for viewing and that the comment deadline had been extended to February 1, 2008, FMATS had sent comments in on January 16, 2008.

7) Old Business

None

8) New Business

a) Safe Routes to Schools, Colleen Ackiss, DOT&PF, Traffic and Safety Chief

Colleen Ackiss, DOT&PF, Traffic and Safety Chief, spoke about issues surrounding the program. Overall the program will have 2 types of grants:

- Planning and
- Infrastructure and non-infrastructure

The overall purpose of the program is to empower communities to make walking and bicycling to school a safe and routine activity once again. The Program makes funding available for a wide variety of programs and projects, from building safer street crossings to establishing programs that encourage children and their parents to walk and bicycle safely to school.

b) CMAQ Funding change to PM 2.5 Reductions Project

Jeff Roach explained the scoping letter that covered the one million for the project. After the scoping letter for the additional 1.4 million is complete, that information will be brought to the Technical and Policy Committee's.

c) TIP Update and Construction Obligation for 2008

Jeff Roach went over the TIP update and Construction Obligation for 2008. Currently, no construction projects have been obligated to date.

9) Public Comment Period

None

10) Other Issues

None

11) Informational Items

a) Plack Road Separated Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility Update

Jeff Roach stated that the project start is at Headquarters in Juneau for approval and the original project has been changed to just a separated bike path.

b) Noble Street Upgrade Update

Dave Bloom stated that the environmental scoping letter has been sent out and the 106 process is underway. There is a tentative public meeting planned for March.


c) PM 2.5 Concentration Graphs

Glenn Miller handed out PM 2.5 Concentration Graphs for the month of January.

12) Adjourn

The next scheduled Technical Committee Meeting is March 5, 2008 at the DOT&PF Main Conference Room.

Approved:


Ethan Birkholz, Chair
FMATS Technical Committee

Date: 3-18-08